



Welcome to this edition of **Flame** our Religious Education and Spirituality newsletter. Please share the contents and links with those who learn and work in your school communities.

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

St Augustine of Canterbury – Feast Day 27th May

Ukraine Crisis

There is a link on the CSAN website to support Caritas Ukraine, in response to the humanitarian need in Ukraine. <https://www.csan.org.uk/news/response-to-crisis-in-ukraine/>.

Resources for schools can be found on the following websites:

Cafod: [Schools prayer for Ukraine | CAFOD](#)

Jesuits Missions: [Pray for Ukraine - Jesuit Missions](#)

Commission News

Bishops' invitation to return to Mass at Pentecost

At the recent Spring Plenary in Cardiff, the Bishops of England and Wales made a resolution to invite the faithful to return to Mass at Pentecost. <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/news/bishops-invitation-to-return-to-mass-at-pentecost/>

Archbishop John has written a series of letters to parishioners, parents and those working in Catholic schools inviting all to begin attending Sunday Mass once again. The ones for parents and school staff will be sent out later this week for distribution. Included is a Pentecost Novena.

Deputy and Assistant Headteachers' Conference 30th June 2022 - Called & Gifted

'And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.' Romans 8: 28

The theme of this year's DHT/AHT day conference is 'Catholic Life and Mission in Education'. The day is open to all those who are in post or have been appointed for September 2022. Fr David O'Malley SDB will be presenting on 'Christian Mission in Leadership' and leading a time of Formation and Spiritual Reflection. Dr Nancy Walbank, Senior Policy Adviser for the CES will be leading a session on 'Catholic Identity and Mission' and Oliver Pawle, Chairman of Korn Ferry Board Services Practices, will lead a session on the 'Importance of Mentorship'.

Please [click here](#) to view further details and book your places.

Adviser Visits Summer 2022 and beyond

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We are in the process of booking, in person or virtual visits, for the remainder of the current academic year. If you need advice and support do not hesitate to contact one of us. Staff contact details can be found here: <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/staff/>

Religious Education Leader Contact Details

Thank you to all who have kept us up to date when a new RE leader is appointed. If you have appointed a new Religious Education Leader in your school, please complete this form:

<https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/contact-details-for-the-religious-education-leader/>

Living and Learning the Liturgical Year

Learning about the Liturgical Year can add an extra rich dimension to the teaching of R.E and to the prayer life of the school. This section is meant to provide some ideas; people and events, which may be incorporated into the lessons and prayer times.

The God Who Speaks

This May the focus is on the Bible and work as we celebrate the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. There is a poster resource <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/posters-for-schools/>. They have also created an art resource on the Ascension which can be accessed here: [The God Who Speaks](#).

May 2022

Pope Francis' prayer request for May: For faith-filled young people:

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This year the entire month of May falls during the Easter Season which is represented by the liturgical colour white.

Recommended resources about the Blessed Virgin Mary:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-activities/resource-collections/marian-resources/>

<https://www.catholicicing.com/how-to-plan-a-may-crowning-for-kids/>

<https://education.rcdow.org.uk/the-rosary-resources/>

<https://education.rcdow.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Mary-Copyright-Compliant-Reduced.pdf>



Notable Saints Days

1st St Joseph the Worker
5th St Aspaph, Bishop
10th St John of Avila, Doctor of the Church
12th St Nereus and St Achilles; St Pancras, Martyrs
13th Our Lady of Fatima
18th St John I, Pope, Martyr
19th St Dunstan, Bishop
20th St Bernadine of Siena, Priest, Religious, Missionary
21st SS Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
22nd St Rita of Cascia, Religious

Notable May (M) emorials, (F)east & (S)olemnities

2nd St Athanasius, Doctor of the Church (M)
3rd St Philip and St James, Apostles (F)
4th The English Martyrs (F)
14th St Matthias, Apostle (F)
25th St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church (M)
26th Ascension of the Lord (S)
27th St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop (F)
31st Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)

Special Days in May

2nd – 3rd Eid al Fitr
2nd to 8th Screen Free Week <https://www.screenfree.org/>
4th National Bike to School Day <https://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>
4th World Asthma Day <https://ginasthma.org/world-asthma-day-2022/>
7th World Fair Trade Day <https://wfto-europe.org/>
12th International Nurses Day <https://www.icn.ch/what-we-do/campaigns/international-nurses-day>
15th National Children's Day <https://www.nationalchildrensdayuk.com/>
16th – 20th Walk to School Week
18th National Numeracy Day <https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/>
20th World Bee Day <https://www.un.org/en/observances/bee-day>
22nd International Day for Biological Diversity <https://www.un.org/en/observances/biological-diversity-day>
23rd World Turtle Day <https://www.worldturtleday.org/>
25th Africa Day <https://au.int/>

Looking ahead to June 2022

Pope Francis' prayer request for June: For Families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The first 5 days of June fall in the Easter Season which is represented by the liturgical colour white. The remainder of the month is in the liturgical season of Ordinary Time and is represented by the liturgical colour green.



Notable Saints Days

2nd St Marcellinus and St Peter, Martyrs
13th
16th St Richard of Chichester, Bishop
25th Immaculate Heart of Mary
27th St Cyril of Alexandria, Doctor of the Church
30th The First Martyrs of the Church

Notable (M)emorials, (F)easts & (S)olemnities

1st St Justin, Martyr (M)
3rd St Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs (M)
5th Pentecost Sunday
6th Mary, Mother of the Church (M)
9th Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest (F)
11th St Barnabas, Apostle (M)
12th The Most Holy Trinity (S)
13th St Anthony of Padua, Doctor of the Church (M)
19th The Most Holy Blood and Body of the Lord
21st St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious (M)
22nd St John Fisher and St Thomas More (Martyrs) (F)
23rd Nativity of St John the Baptist (S)
24th Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (S)
28th St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr (M)
29th St Peter and St Paul, Apostles (S)

Special Days in June 2022

1st World Milk Day <https://worldmilkday.org/>
2nd – 5th Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee Weekend <https://www.royal.uk/platinum-jubilee-central-weekend>
5th World Environment Day <https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/?x=11>
6th – 12th Bike Week <https://www.cyclinguk.org/bikeweek>
8th World Ocean's Day <https://worldoceanday.org/>
19th Father's Day
21st Make Music Day <https://makemusicday.co.uk/>
21st Summer Begins
21st World Giraffe Day <https://giraffeconservation.org/world-giraffe-day/>
23rd National Writing Day <https://firststory.org.uk/writeday/>

Recommended resources for June:

<https://www.thereligionteacher.com/pentecost-activities/>

https://kids.kiddle.co/Sacred_Heart

<https://www.catholicmom.com/articles/2011/03/05/sacred-heart-of-jesus-lesson-plan>

Catholic Life

Booking Open -- One Heart One Mind

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On Thursday 23 June 2022, The Education Commission and Mission Together are hosting a day of Liturgy and pilgrimage at Aylesford Priory. **One Mind, One Heart** is a day for Diocesan primary pupils to come together and celebrate their unique place within God's global family [Click here](#) to book.

Aylesford Priory

Aylesford Priory have produced Leaders Guides which support teachers in planning a Pilgrimage day at the Priory. [The Friars - Group Visits](#)

Stella Maris (formally the Apostleship of the Sea)

Stella Maris have a range of resources to help children learn about the world of shipping and how Stella Maris helps seafarers worldwide, from videos to lesson plans, prayers, and assembly resources. All of their lesson plans have been designed around the national curriculum and are available for Key stages 2, 3 and 4. Please [Schools - Stella Maris](#) for further details. If you would like the Kent/Medway Chaplain to visit your school to explain the work of Stella Maris please contact Deacon John Fogarty john.fogarty@stellamarismail.org

Professional Development and Personal Formation

Inclusive Judaism: Online Teachers' CPD

What does it actually mean to be Jewish? Is Judaism a religion, culture or ethnicity? How do I teach Judaism holistically, whilst giving space to the different intersectional communities?

Join the Virtual Teachers CPD that explores what does it actually mean to be Jewish? Is Judaism a religion, culture or ethnicity? How do I teach Judaism holistically, whilst giving space to the different intersectional communities?. This CPD is open to both Primary and Secondary School Teachers.

Date: 6 July 2022, 4-5:30pm

Where: Zoom (the link will be sent once booked)

Tickets: £10

<https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/event/inclusive-judaism-online-teachers-cpd/>

Theology & Religious Studies in Higher Education (TRS-UK)

TRS-UK serves, represents, supports, and promotes the academic study of religion and theology in UK higher education institutions. They have produced a great series of videos by T&RS graduates talking about their degrees and the careers they have entered. <https://trs.ac.uk/studying-trs/graduate-videos/>

MA in Education: Religious Education

This programme is designed for anyone who is involved in the teaching of Religious Education (specialist and non-specialists), to support practitioners in all phases of schooling, whatever their location. The course seeks to develop knowledge, understanding and research skills in order to generate insights that transform professional practice in

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Religious Education. This MA is offered as a two-year part-time course, or a full time one year course. Modules are taught at St Mary's monthly on a Saturday (online is available). More information: <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/postgraduate-courses-london/religious-education>

Religion Media Centre

The RMC has become an authoritative resource for news, fact sheets and commentators in the field of Religion and Belief. It is independent and non-confessional: simply there to improve religious literacy in society. Visit their new website <https://religionmediacentre.org.uk/>

Courses for Religious Education & Catholic Life

The Education Commission is offering a hybrid mix of online and in person courses. To see the full offer and to register please visit the website at rcaoseducation.org.uk/et/ Delegates will be sent joining details in their booking confirmation email and course materials will also be sent to the delegate email address used on the booking form.

Please always check your junk and spam folders if you have registered for a course and not received confirmation. We have found that often the automatic responses are sent to these folders.

Summer 2022

If you would like a bespoke course, virtually or in person, delivered in your school please contact a member of the R.E. Advisory Team. The cost will be per school; £100 for 1 session of up to 2hrs; £175 for 2 sessions up to 4hrs in total; £250 3 sessions up to 6hrs in total. You can choose to have the sessions over the course of one or several days. We can also provide any of our main offer R.E. and Catholic Life CPD courses in this manner.

Induction for New Foundation Governors

25th May 2022 5.30pm-7pm

£25 Zoom

For New Foundation Governors

[Book](#)

Secondary Heads of Religious Education: Summer Series

Multiple dates in June 2022

£25

[Book](#)

Primary Religious Education Leaders Meeting

Multiple dates in June 2022

£25 Zoom

[Book](#)

World Faiths

Tuesday 7th June 2022 1pm-3pm

£25 Zoom

For: Primary School Teachers

[Book](#)

RSE in Catholic Schools: Roles and Responsibilities for Governors

Tuesday 7th June 2022 6pm-7.30pm

£25 Zoom

For: Governors

[Book](#)

Succession planning and recruiting 'reserved posts': Roles and responsibilities for Governors

Thursday 16th June 2022

£25 Zoom

[Book](#)

Scripture & Art

21st June 2022 1pm-4pm

St Peter & St Paul Catholic Primary

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Academy £60

[Book](#)

One Mind, One Heart

23rd June 2022

Aylesford Priory, Free

[Book](#)

Learning from Pilot Inspections

5th July 2022 3.30pm-5pm

£25 Zoom

Deputy & Assistant Headteachers Conference

30th June 2022 9am-4.15pm

Amigo Hall £125

[Book](#)

For: Headteachers, Chairs of Governors
and Religious Education Subject Leaders

[Book](#)

If you would like to book onto any of the above courses please visit:

<https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/et/>

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